GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:51
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2002
OUTSTANDING DUES
BIR SING MAHATO

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has to realise arrears from many companies;

(b) if so, the amount of arrears and company-wise details thereof, till date; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to realise the arrears?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PR MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 51 FOR 17TH JULY, 2002 REGARDING OUTSTANDING DUES.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in Annexure.

(c) Steps have been taken by the Government to recover the license fee dues by sending notices, encashment of Bank Guarantees, termination of licenses and also by initiating Arbitration proceedings. The Radio Paging licensees were also offered a migration package for clearance of dues, which could not materialize.

As regards the dues pertaining to spectrum charges, it has been decided that no new assignment of frequencies or SACFA (Standing Advisory Committee on Frequency Allocation) clearance for new sites will be issued for such defaulting companies. A penalty clause of interest with effect from 1.4.2002 has also been imposed for delayed payments.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF LICENCE FEE & SPECTRUM CHARGES OUTSTANDING

Rs. in Crores.

Sl.N	Licensee	Service	Amount outstanding		
			Licence Fee	Spectrum Charges	TOTAL
1.	M/s.Koshika	Cellular	290.78	33.30	324.08
2.	M/S.Birla AT&T	-do-	19.94++	0.95	20.89
3.	M/s.BPL Mobile	-do-	21.59++	68.74	90.33

4.	M/s.Aircel Digilink	-do-		21.20	21.20
5.	M/s.Spice	-do-		9.00	9.00
6.	M/s.Escotel	-do-		3.81	3.81
7	M/s.H.Max	-do-		0.91	0.91
8.	M/s.Usha Martin	-do-		0.27	0.27
9.	M/s.Hexacom	-do-		5.71	5.71
10.	M/s.Pagepoint Paging	Radio		0.07	0.07
11.	M/s.BPL wireless	-do-		0.37	0.37
12.	M/s.ABC	-do-		0.50	
6.40	6.90				
13.	M/s.Beltron	-do-	0.94	0.08	1.02
14.	M/s.India Paging	-do-	50.60	0.12	50.72
15.	M/s.DSS	-do-	10.38	3.60	13.98
16.	M/s.Eider Com.	-do-	8.58		8.58
17.	M/s.Eider Paging	-do-	17.33		17.33
18.	M/s.Easycall	-do-	4.81	0.45	5.26
19.	M/s.Matrix	-do-	10.42	0.79	11.21
20.	M/s.Microwave	-do-	18.66	0.80	19.46
21.	M/s.Modi Korea	-do-	7.97	1.66	9.63
22.	M/s.NICE	-do-	2.58	0.01	2.59
23.	M/s.RPG	-do-	5.98	2.11	8.09
24.	M/s.Telesiste m	-do-	2.20	0.44	2.64
25.	M/s.Punwire Mobile	-do-	144.86	1.60	146.46
26.	M/s.Punwire Paging	-do-	34.47	0.33	34.80
27.	M/s.Loral Orion	VSAT	1.73		1.73
28.	M/s.Essel Shyam	-do-	0.75		0.75
29.	M/s.SATNET	-do-	1.10		1.10
30.	M/s.DATALINE	-do-	1.00		1.00
31.	M/s.HFCL	-do-	0.25		0.25
32.	M/s.Microwave Mail	Voice	0.36		0.36
33.	M/s.INDCHEM	-do-	0.09		0.09
34.	M/s.ICNET	E.Mail	0.30		0.30
35.	M/s.DATALINE	-do-	0.21		0.21
36.	M/s.DATAPRO	-do-	0.16		0.16
37.	M/s.Archana	-do-	0.20		0.20
38.	M/s.Elnet	-do-	0.08		0.08
39.	M/s.Business India	-do-	0.10		0.10
40.	M/s.ITI Limited	PMRTS		0.01	0.01
41.	M/s.Linkwell	-do-		0.005	0.005
42.	M/s.Ushank	-do-		0.01	0.01
43.	M/s Sab Info Ltd	Internet		0.03	0.03
44.	M/s C G Faxwell	-do-		0.03	0.03
45.	M/s Applogic	-do-		0.02	0.02
46.	M/s World Phone	-do-		0.03	0.03
47.	M/s Asianet uplinking	TV		0.14	0.14
48.	M/s Ushodaya	-do-		0.11	0.11
49.	M/s Vijaya Broadc	-do-		0.11	0.11
50.	M/s Asian Films	-do-		0.03	0.03
GRAND TOTAL			664.82	157.345	822.165

++ These are approximate current dues (on self estimation basis of the licensee) for the quarter ending 30.06.2002.

Note:

(a) In respect of the city Radio Paging licensees, the license fee as revenue share from the fourth payment year onwards is also due.

(b) The outstanding dues are principal amounts due only and interest is payable till the date of actual payment.